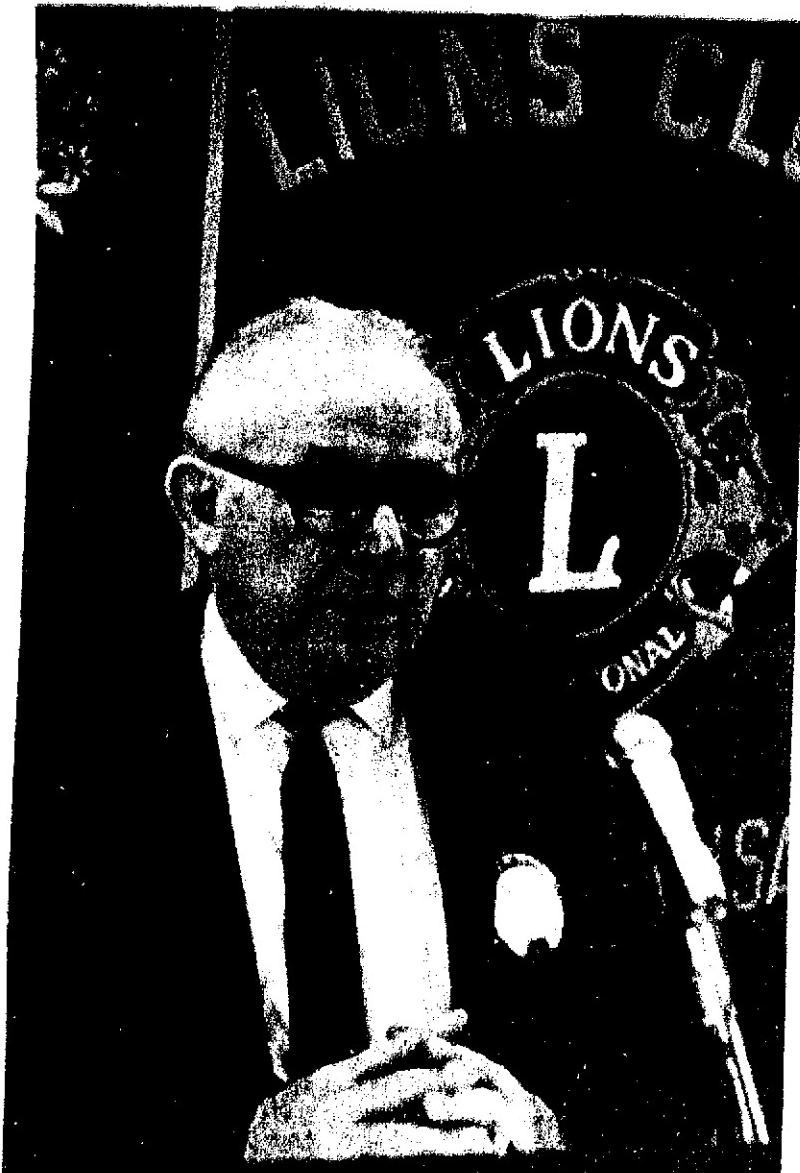
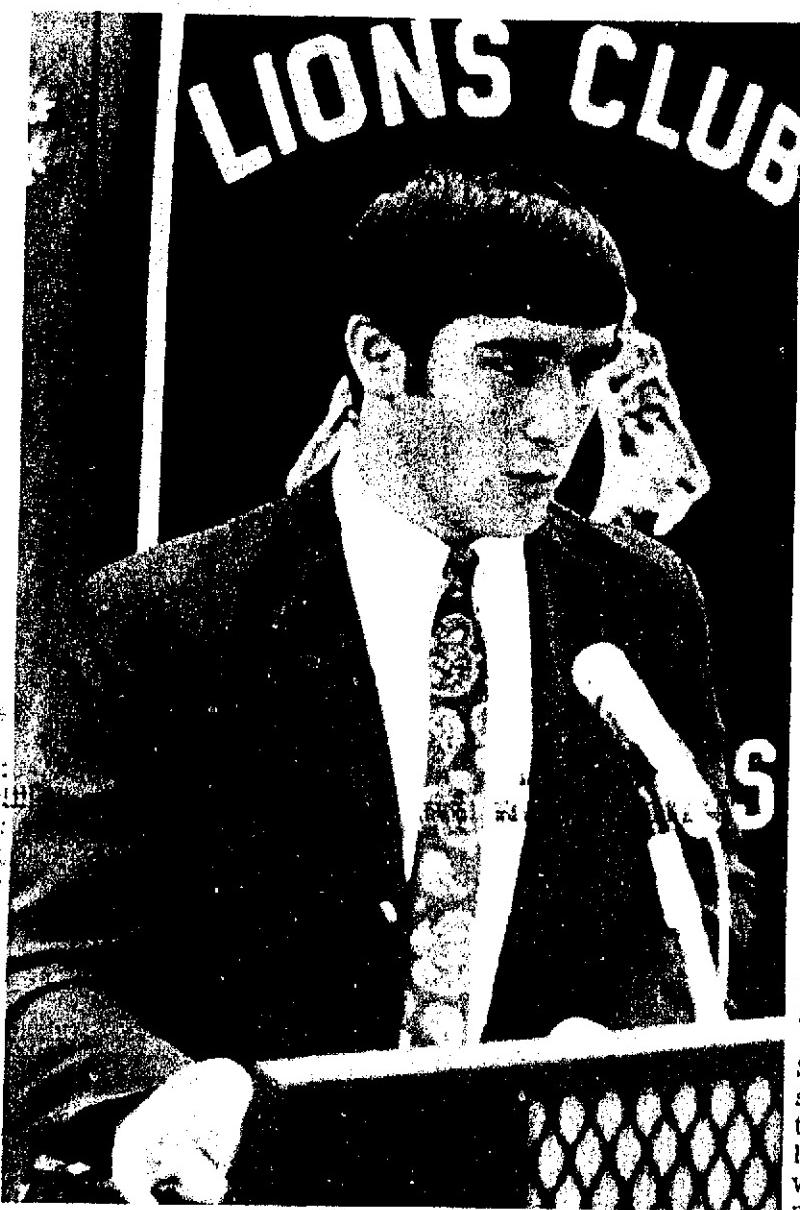


Housing Discussed



MIKE KELLEY

— Frank King photos with Star camera
JIMMIE ALFORD

Decision on Loan Assn. Case Soon

LITTLE ROCK (AP)—Chancery Court here Monday, challenges AL&T's use of an old charter and certificate of authority that it bought in 1965. The charter was that of the old United Loan & Investment Co., which AL&T bought from J. H. Cottrell Jr., of Little Rock and used for its own loan and investment operations.

AL&T's attorneys argued Monday that the UL&I charter and certificate of authority should not be canceled. They said it should be kept and sold by the federal receiver to help satisfy AL&T debts.

Akadelphia Plan Approved Tentatively

ARKADELPHIA, Ark. (AP)—The Department of Health, Education and Welfare has notified the Arkadelphia School Board it has tentatively approved the board's plan to eliminate its dual school system.

Under the plan, all students would attend a primary unit, an intermediate unit, a middle-grade unit and a high school.

If accepted, the plan would become effective with the 1969-70 school year.

Flu Forces Colleges to Close Early

SILOAM SPRINGS, Ark.—Dr. John E. Brown, president of John Brown University, said classes were dismissed at the university three days early Monday for the Christmas holidays because of a "flu scare."

"We had at least six suspected cases of this highly contagious disease (Hong Kong flu)," Brown said. "Rather than take a chance, we decided to close school while everybody was healthy."

Brown said "quite a bit of sickness" had plagued the 750-member student body during the last two weeks. He said health officials suspected the illness to be Hong Kong flu because many of the symptoms matched those of the disease.

Brown also said two of the 48 faculty members had contracted influenza and were out of school.

Representatives of the state Health Department and the Pulaski County Medical Society said Monday in Little Rock that no proven cases of Hong Kong flu had been reported in the state.

They said, however, with college students returning to Arkansas from Eastern schools, which have been dismissed due to flu epidemics, this particular strain of influenza probably will show up in Arkansas.

Dr. Amail Chudy of the Pulaski organization blamed the mass media for what he called a "false scare" in regard to the Hong Kong flu. He said this variety actually is a milder form of the Asian flu which spread across the country several years ago.

However, in the city of Siloam Springs, cases of flu are increasing, according to Dr. Jim Huskins, city health officer.

"No one knows whether or not some of these cases are Hong Kong flu," Huskins said. "I'm calling it upper respiratory infection."

"The spread of influenza is not at the stage yet where it would force us to cut out public gatherings," he said. "It would have to double before it would reach this stage."

He said incidents of flu in public schools had not been determined yet.

"We haven't seen enough of it here to send any report in to the state Health Department," Huskins said, "but I think it's just starting to get into epidemic proportions."

Meanwhile, nurses at Siloam Springs Memorial Hospital said several staff members had contracted influenza and that they have been expecting restricted visiting privileges to be announced.

Youth Found Guilty in Thrill Killing

NEWCASTLE, England (AP)—Eleven-year-old Mary Flora Bell was found guilty in Britain's sensational "kill for thrills" trial today as the psychopathic strangler of two young boys. She was sentenced to life detention.

Mary's sons rolled through the size of the units, size of family, age need and other considerations.

Hope High School students were guests of the Club and they presented a sizeable check to be used in the 1968 Christmas basket project. The check was presented by Jimmie Alford, vice-president of the student council.

Man Accused in Slaying to Testify

LITTLE ROCK (AP)—Defense attorney Jack Holt Jr. said Monday that Allen W. Kidd, 26, of Huron, Ohio, who is charged with first-degree murder, will testify today in his own behalf.

Holt also said he would present the testimony of a psychiatrist and character witnesses.

Kidd, who was honorably discharged from the Air Force in June, is charged with fatally shooting Sgt. Stephen Lane, 26, at the apartment of Kidd's estranged wife. The shooting occurred Dec. 20, 1967.

Chief Prosecutor James R. Howard presented nine witnesses Monday and then rested the state's case. The state has asked for the death penalty.

The qualification of diminished responsibility in Mary's case is a condition where the person involved may be unable to know what is right or wrong. This does not absolve them of conviction of a crime nor is it an acquittal on the grounds of insanity. As for Mary, the jury convicted her but the judge took into account that she lacks a normal sense of moral responsibility.

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Weather

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hours ending at 7
a.m. Tuesday,
High 42, Low 20

Forecasts

ARKANSAS—A few areas of light rain tonight. More general rain and a chance of thunderstorms Wednesday. Slight warming tonight with little change in temperatures Wednesday except turning colder west in the afternoon. Low tonight in the 40s, High Wednesday mostly in the 60s.

LOUISIANA—Partly cloudy to cloudy through Wednesday.

Scattered showers and a few thundershowers tonight and Wednesday. Warmer tonight.

Cooler Wednesday night. Low tonight 48-58, High Wednesday mostly in the 60s.

MISSOURI—Slight warming

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SOCIETY

Phone 7-3431 Between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

Jett B. Graves Class Christmas Party of the First Methodist Church will be held at the Diamond Cafe Tuesday, December 17 at 7 p.m. Hostess will be Mrs. Marie Garafio, Mrs. Arch Wylie, Mrs. Dell McLanahan, Mrs. Garland Medders, Mrs. William Oglesby, and Mrs. Pearl Owens. There will be an exchange of gifts.

American Legion and Auxiliary will have a pre-Christmas social pluck Tuesday, December 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the new Community Center on Texas Street. All members and their families are invited to attend.

Circle No. 5, W.S.C.S. of the First United Methodist Church will have a Christmas Party in the home of Mrs. Wesley Hudleston, 1615 South Elm, Tuesday, December 17 at 7 p.m.

Tina Ambassador Class of Garrett Memorial Baptist Christmas Party in the home of Mrs. Clifton Booth on the Rosston Road Tuesday, December 17 at 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

The First Presbyterian Church's Youth Choir Practice will be at 3:45 on Wednesday December 18.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

Chapter 328, Order of the Eastern Star will have a regular meeting Thursday, December 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Hall. After the meeting a Christmas party will be held with an exchange of gifts.

The Senior Citizens will have their meeting and Christmas party Thursday, Dec. 19 at the new Community Center on Texas Street. This will be a covered dish luncheon and an exchange of gifts. All members are asked to be there by 10:30 a.m.

The Dardill Garden Club will have a Christmas luncheon Thursday, December 19 at 11:30 a.m.

Raley's
Style Shoppe

Every day can be just like Christmas for the girl who gets the right gifts on Christmas day . . . gifts that will last all year through, and that will be a constant reminder of your warm thoughts. You will find these gifts at Raley's Style Shoppe, a good place to shop for style and practicality. The variety of gifts is as wide as the range of situations a girl may encounter. Buy a lovely dress in a basic or whimsical style; Country Set sportswear to complement every casual occasion; skirts or blouses in every imaginable style, print, and color; jewelry to thrill the feminine heart, young or old; lingerie or loungewear to make those leisure moments even more enjoyable; or a scarf or other accessories to make some outfit complete.

As you shop this Christmas, remember that some special gifts are remembered long after Christmas day is past. There are gifts of quality, durability, and beauty — And you will find these gifts at Raley's.

MAKE IT A SPARKLING CHRISTMAS WITH DIAMONDS

From Mhoon's Diamond Rings For that Special Someone

DIAMOND WATCHES

See Our Complete Line Of GIFTS FOR Christmas

Mhoon's Jewelry & Gift Shop

19th & Elm Sts., Hope, Ark.

FIREMEN AND WIVES HOLD CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Hope Fire Station, which is festively decorated inside and outside, held a Christmas party for firemen and their wives on Thursday, December 12. The 48 present included as guests, Mr. and Mrs. Garland Medders, Mrs. Virgie Cunningham, Mrs. Benton Fincher, Susan Cobb and Mike Johnston, students at Southern State College, and David Pearson, who led the singing of Christmas carols after supper.

The tasty meal was served from a table centered with a seasonal arrangement of wise men, angels, and candles. A pretty, lighted tree also added to the holiday atmosphere.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

The First Presbyterian Church is holding a Joy Gift Program on Sunday, December 22 at 5:00 p.m.

"Let Every Heart Prepare Him Room" is a program centered around the meaning of the Christmas offering and is sponsored by the Women of the Church.

CHRISTMAS PARTY AT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

On Friday afternoon, December 13, the housekeeper at Memorial Hospital, Mrs. Eldridge Formby, hosted a Christmas party for the maids and porters.

Mrs. Lester Kent was Santa's helper and handed out the many gifts, which were displayed around a pretty Christmas tree.

They also chose this time to present Mrs. Lynn Montgomery with a pink and blue shower gift.

Refreshments were served to 25 guests.

PIANO PUPILS IN RECITAL

Mrs. Bess Evans had a Christmas piano recital and party Sunday afternoon, December 15 in the fellowship hall of the First Baptist Church. Holley decorations filled the area where the pupils performed, and Charlotte Moore was the accompanist for several songs and choruses.

A tiny Christmas tree centered the table from which punch and cookies were served to about 100. Assisting in the hospitalities were Mesdames Kinard Young, Bobby Lee, John Cox, Calvin Caldwell, S.W. McHenry, and Kay Okano.

As an added attraction, Santa Claus made an appearance with gifts for all the boys and girls.

BRIDGE CLUB MEETS

Mrs. Mildred Rogers entertained a local Friday Bridge Club with a luncheon-bridge at her home on December 13. After a tasty meal, gifts were exchanged around a pretty, lighted Christmas tree.

In the afternoon, bridge was played at two tables. When scores were tallied, Mrs. C.C. Lewis and Mary K. Lehman were high.

CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR KXAR STAFF

The KXAR Staff Christmas Party was held at the Haskell Jones home in Oakhaven on Saturday, December 14. Decorations ranged from the traditional tree, various kinds of wreaths, and candles to a large, framed picture of Santa Claus.

Hors d'oeuvres and punch were served from a table covered with a red nylon cloth trimmed with sequins. The supper was served buffet-style from the dining room, which also was gay with Yuletide decorations.

In the evening several games were played, and Mrs. S. Joseph Gend played the accordian while all joined in singing Christmas songs. Gifts were exchanged among the 17 present, and the employees received gifts from station manager Haskell Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Williams and family, Little Rock, have returned home after spending the weekend with Misses Marie and Nannie Purkins; and they returned Mrs. Glen L. Williams to Hope after a visit in Little Rock.

Mrs. Delmer Daniels of Prescott visited Saturday with Mrs. Charles Harrell.

HELEN HELP US!

by Helen Bottel

A VERY HAPPY PROBLEM Dear Helen: I'm a normal, ordinary freshman girl. Am I on the Student Council, get good grades, etc.

I think all boys are great and lots of fun, and I could never live without them. But I'm not serious about any certain one, and don't want to be for a long time.

The trouble is if I joke around with a guy, compliment him on a good football game, or something, within a week, he's asked me to go steady. In one class, I just asked a fellow for help with my homework, and it almost broke him and his girl up. It's embarrassing! Some of the girls are beginning to talk about me.

I'm not beautiful, I don't act sexy. I try not to flirt, but I'm naturally friendly. I am not "for sale." So what am I doing wrong? — NOT A HEARTBREAKER

Dear Not: What are you doing RIGHT? A lot of girls would love to have your formula!

... And a few will resent what they can't understand, i.e. how ANY girl would jump at the chance to go steady. Too bad for them! — H.

Dear Helen: I am going with a boy I like a lot. We've been dating for three years so it must be love or something similar. He practically drools. He even brags about how much he "got from her" the night before. I know he's putting me on, but how can I get it across that what he says hurts? — TRYING TO SMILE

Dear TTS: Why don't you tell him? Trouble about being a good sport is you get more of the same. If a blow-up doesn't cure old Ogle Eyes, then try some ogling on your own. Maybe you both need a change of scenery. — H.

Dear Helen: I am an adopted child and I am afraid of my father. He is a deacon in the church and very religious. His punishments are what bother me. My mother won't stop him.

The other night I asked to go to a school dance. He called me all kinds of bad names in front of my friends. After they left, he made me get down on my knees and beg forgiveness.

I did as he asked, and then sat on me! I think he sprained my wrist, as it hurts like mad today. I guess he sat on me to show me the weight of the Devil. Is this right? — CRUSHED

Dear Crushed: It sounds as if the Devil is weighing pretty heavily on your father. If other punishments are as bizarre, you'd better discuss the situation with your minister. — H.

Dear Helen: I'm so goad you printed the letter from "Little Sister." She made me see how selfish I am. You see, I'm the

Current Best Sellers

(Compiled by Publishers' Weekly)

- FICTION
"The Salzburg Connection," MacLaine
"Airport," Halley
"Preserve and Protect," Drury
"A Small Town in Germany," Le Carré
"Hurricane Years," Hawley
NONFICTION
"The Money Game," Smith
"Memoirs," Krack
"The Bib and the Super-Bib," Lundberg
"Anti-Memoirs," Mairaus
"Between Parent and Child," Goll

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Recital Held at First Baptist



Folks Plenty Worried About

the Flu Bug

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP) — "It's like trying to add apples, elephants and camels."

This was the word from a harassed official of the National Communicable Disease Center which has been deluged with calls from persons worried about Hong Kong flu.

"Some people have colds and some people have something else and it's all being called Hong Kong flu," said George Stenhouse, public information chief of NCDC.

"We're getting calls from mothers with questions they should be asking their doctors," Stenhouse said Monday. "We try to assure them that it (the flu virus) is not a strange and exotic disease and tell them to call their doctor."

But still the calls keep pouring in. "We've got four men answering calls in this office alone and the telephones have been busy all day," the official said.

Stenhouse said the calls aren't just coming from the Atlanta area. "The London Telegraph wants us to tell them how long it will be before the epidemic reaches London, England," he said.

— Hope, (Ark.) Photos by Gene Allen

Miss Bess Evans' Piano Pupils gave a recital at the First Baptist Church Sunday before a large crowd.

One of the outstanding events

of the afternoon was the "Little White Duck Chorus," which consisted of Lisa Cox, Cindy Okono, Jon Dillard, Dana Cox, Lisa Lee, Kay Caldwell, Lisa Parkham, Vic Young, Dono Flowers, Wes Young and Mark McHenry. The "Ducks" were Vicki Brown, Cay Young and Julie Flowers.

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THEATRE

TONITE-WEDNESDAY Gordon Scott

In A COLORFUL ADVENTURE

"SAMSON AND THE SEVEN MIRACLES OF THE WORLD"

SPECTACULAR FEATS OF STRENGTH MEANS DEFEAT OF THE ENEMY TYRANTS.

Where should I go for a New Car Loan?

Citizens NATIONAL BANK OF HOPE. MEMBER F.D.I.C.

FRIENDLY BANKING SERVICE SINCE 1902

Hope Star SPORTS

Bobcats to Play at Prescott

By RALPH ROUTON
Star Sportswriter

Hoping to even their pre-Christmas record at 4-4, the Hope Bobcats visit Prescott tonight for a return match with the Curley Wolves in the finale of a three-game format, with the first game starting at 6:00 p.m.

Two victories last week moved the Bobcats' non-conference mark to 3-4, and the Hope squad is remembering an earlier 66-47 loss to the Curley Wolves in Jones Field House. Also, the Cats are 2-3 against rivals from District 7-A, and a victory would square that standing away also before January bouts with Ashdown and DeQueen.

Jim Singleton, the big 6-6 senior center, heads the list of starters at the post, and Jim's improvement has been outstanding into this season.

At the forwards will likely be senior Ricky Putman and junior Ronny Brown. Putman is a returnee from last year's Bobcat team, where he averaged slightly over 10 points a game playing more and more after finishing the football season with an injured knee.

Those forward spots will be crucial for Hope, and the pair mentioned above are responding well. They combined for 29 points in the 66-53 Ashdown win last Friday, and they also can claim good back-up assistance in James Simmons and John-John Johnson.

Having depth like that can mean a great deal late in a game, when full-time performers may tend to tire out. But tends on to the guard slots, where seniors Terry Turner and Danny Reyenga have the most duty.

Turner also will often move into the corner at forward, where he is a fine shooter, and let Putman move out front with his slickness in ball-handling.

Playmakers need rest at times, and the Bobcats have sophomore Ronny Massanelli and junior Thomas Norwell willing to do a starter's job at a moment's notice.

It's easy to see that this year Bobcats have the ball players, with at least nine or ten boys capable of breaking a game open with a hot streak.

Prescott was quite successful against the Cats with a full-court press last time, and the Wolves have a scoring guard in soph Freddy Wren. Senior Bill Greer is a good shooter at the other guard, too, but the player to watch for Prescott is center Ronnie Williams.

Williams has moves and ability, and he used them well at Hope for an 18-point performance. Van O'Keefe and Bev Jordan flank Williams, and they frequently screen out taller opponents for rebounds. But the Wolves were hot against Hope last time, and it will be interesting to see how they fare.

Porkers Will Again Meet Centenary

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP) — The Arkansas Razorbacks will be trying to even their won-loss record here tonight when they take on Centenary of Shreveport, La., for the second time this season.

The Razorbacks whipped Centenary last week in double overtime, and now own a 2-3 season record. Centenary is 1-4.

Jets Place 8 Men on the All Star List

NEW YORK (AP) — The Eastern champion New York Jets placed eight men, including quarterback Joe Namath and receivers George Sauer and Don Maynard, on the Eastern team today for the American Football League All-Star game Jan. 19.

The players were selected in a poll of coaches. The remaining 11 will be picked by the team's coach, who will be named later this week. The game will be played in Jacksonville, Fla.

Joining Namath, Maynard and Sauer from the Jets are offensive tackle Winston Hill, offensive guard Dave Herman, kicker Jim Turner, and defensive ends Gerry Philbin and Verlon Biggs.

Houston placed seven players on the team, but the other three clubs had a total of only eight.

The rest of the offensive team is tackle Glen Ray Hines, Houston; guard Billy Shaw, Buffalo; center Jon Morris, Boston; tight end Alvin Reed, Houston, and running backs Hoyle Granger, Houston, and Jim Kiick, Miami. Kiick is the only rookie on the team.

The defense also has tackles Jim Dunaway, Buffalo, and Houston Antwine, Boston; linebackers George Webster and Garland Boyette, Houston, and Mike Stratton, Buffalo; cornerbacks Miller Farr, Houston, and George Byrd, Buffalo, and safeties Ken Houston, Houston, and George Saines, Buffalo.

Leg Bend

Position and Movement—As illustrated, assume supine position upon floor and place feet securely in each stirrup handle, keeping arms outstretched at sides, as demonstrated. Begin with a 10-second isometric hold with each leg. Extend right leg forward and bring left leg to upright position with leg bent. Now, extend left leg forward and bring right leg

to upright position with leg bent. This movement is similar to that performed when riding a bike.

Perform—10 repetitions with each leg.

Effect of Exercise—Develops the thighs, lower legs and firms the hips and buttocks.

(Newspaper Enterprise Assn.)

UCLA Still Rated Tops in Nation

By HAL BOCK
Associated Press Sports Writer

There is a dissenter in the house. Someone has been lured away from the UCLA juggernaut to the Tar Heels of North Carolina.

The Uclans remained No. 1 in The Associated Press poll of the top 20 collegiate basketball teams Monday, but they were not a unanimous choice. UCLA polled 29 first place ballots of the 30 cast, with the other one going to second-ranked North Carolina.

UCLA accumulated 598 points on the basis of 20 points for a first place vote, 18 for second, 16 for third, etc. North Carolina had 542 points for a healthy hold on the No. 2 spot over Davidson, which had 427.

The first eight places in the rankings were unchanged, with Kentucky in fourth place, New Mexico No. 5, Cincinnati sixth, Notre Dame seventh and Villanova No. 8.

St. Bonaventure moved up to ninth place and Santa Clara soared from 16th into the top 10 on the basis of victories last week over highly-regarded Houston and San Francisco. The Broncos are 5-0.

The loss to Santa Clara dropped Houston from 12th to 20th in the rankings, but the Cougars were more fortunate than Duke and Iowa. Duke, ninth a week ago, lost three straight and dropped clear out of sight. Iowa, ranked 19th last week, slipped out of the top 20 when it lost to Wichita State.

Replacing Duke and Iowa in the rankings were New Mexico State and Louisville, both 5-0. State took 14th place and Louisville 19th.

Kansas headed the second 10 with 130 points for 11th place. Purdue was No. 12 and Detroit 13th in front of New Mexico State. In 15th position was California, up three spots from last week; LaSalle was 16th, a four-place climb; Ohio State was 17th and Western Kentucky 18th in front of Louisville and Houston.

The Top 20, with first place votes, records and total points:

1. UCLA	29	3-0	698
2. North Carolina	1	4-0	542
3. Davidson	1	3-0	427
4. Kentucky	1	3-1	361
5. New Mexico	5	5-0	351
6. Cincinnati	1	4-0	283
7. Notre Dame	1	3-1	228
8. Villanova	1	4-0	218
9. St. Bonaventure	1	4-0	211
10. Santa Clara	1	5-0	151
11. Kansas	5-1	130	
12. Purdue	4-1	118	
13. Detroit	6-0	109	
14. New Mexico State	5-0	70	
15. California	3-0	58	
16. LaSalle	4-0	54	
17. Ohio State	2-1	36	
18. W. Kentucky	6-1	28	
19. Louisville	5-0	27	
20. Houston	4-2	22	

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Basketball

Monday's College Basketball
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Columbia 85, Lehigh 47
Buffalo 66, Penn State 60
Holy Cross 67, Northeastern 60
South
North Carolina 90, Clemson 69
Vanderbilt 92, Bowling Green 67
Mississippi St. 77, Furman 72
Louisville 79, Florida St. 78
Western Kentucky 75, Austin Peay 73
Tulane 114, Texas Tech 91
Mississippi St. 65, Auburn 60
Florida 56, Alabama 45
Florida 56, Alabama 45
Kentucky Wesleyan 74, Akron 64
Midwest
Indiana 88, Chicago-Loyola 83
Notre Dame 69, Minnesota 65
Nebraska 73, Michigan St. 59
Kansas 72, Murray St. 59
Detroit 71, St. Bonaventure 68
Southwest Mo. 95, NW Mo. 62
A & M 74
New Mexico St. 74, Hardin-Simmons 68
Houston 87, Kansas St. 84, Lamar Tech 103, Tulsa 77
Far West
Colorado 79, New Mexico 72
Wyoming 87, Stanford 73
Ohio St. 75, Washington St. 74
S. California 83, Cincinnati 68
Idaho St. 71, South Dakota 69
Nevada 107, W. Illinois 90

Second-ranked North Carolina overcame an early scare and crushed Clemson 90-69. But No. 5 New Mexico lost to Colorado 79-72 and sixth-ranked Cincinnati took an 83-88 pasting from Southern California. Seventh-ranked Notre Dame almost blew a 10-point lead before turning back Minnesota 69-65. The second Ten teams didn't have it much easier. No. 11 Kansas downed Murray State 72-59 but 14th-ranked New Mexico State squeaked by Hardin-Simmons 74-68; Ohio State, No. 17, edged Washington State 75-74; Western Kentucky, ranked 18th, got by Austin Peay 75-73; No. 19 Louisville nipped Florida 79-76 and 20th-ranked Houston went into overtime before topping Kansas State 87-84.

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Bonnie's Handed First Loss

By HERSCHEL NIESONSON

Associated Press Sports Writer

It was a rugged night for the nation's Top Ten college basketball teams Monday.

Ninth-ranked St. Bonaventure suffered its first loss of the season in a 71-68 decision to No. 13 Detroit.

The Bonnies' Bob Lanier outscored Olympic star Spencer Haywood 19-15, but Haywood, a 6-foot-8 sophomore, did yeoman work off the boards and also led a tight defense that forced the 6-11 Lanier outside.

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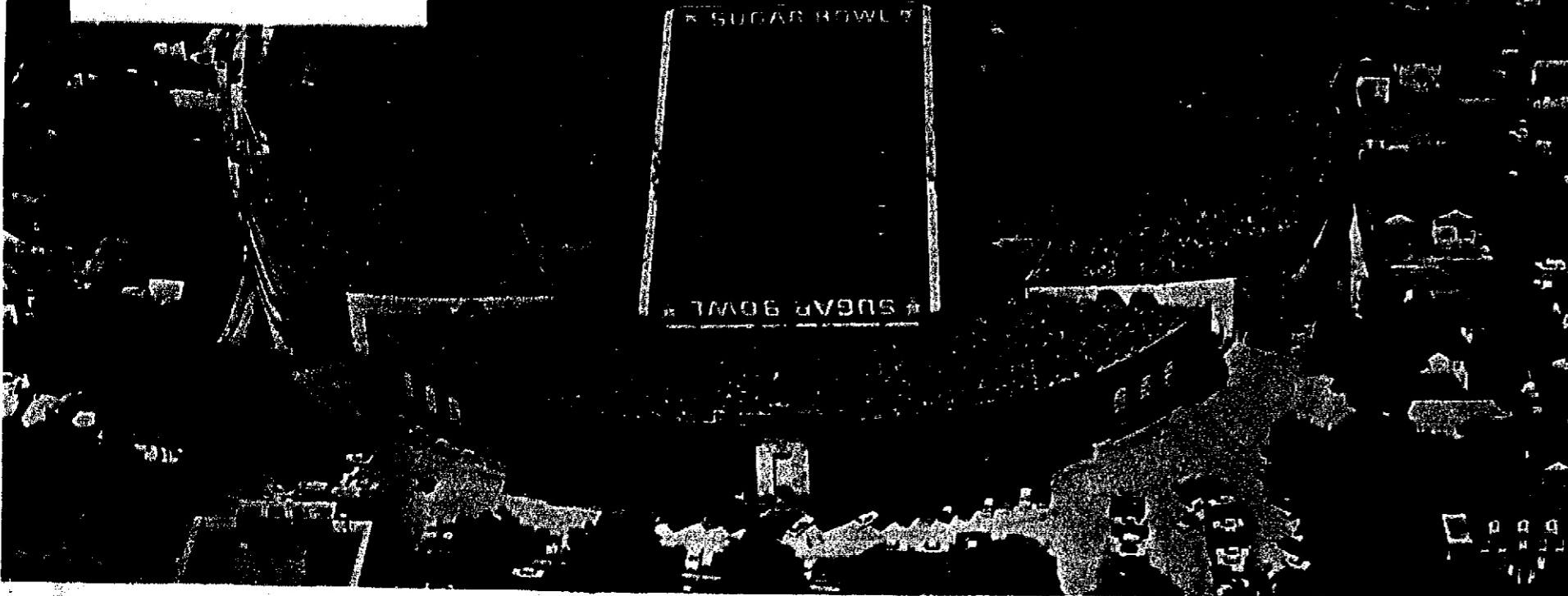
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This Is Where the Razorbacks Go After the Sugar

TULANE (SUGAR BOWL) STADIUM has been the site of every one of the New Years Day Classics since the inception of the Sugar Bowl on January 1, 1935. The stadium has a seating capacity of 82,000 and is the largest steel constructed stadium in the world.



WHY THE CRESCENT CITY is used as a synonym for New Orleans is aptly shown in this photograph of the heart of the city. The metropolitan area of New Orleans encompasses 1,769 square miles and has a population of more than 1 million people.



CHARTRES STREET
A view through the iron grill of the lower Pontalba Apartment balcony, looking up Chartres Street.

The St. Louis Cathedral, built during the Spanish regime, is in the center. On its left is the Cabildo, where the transfer of the Louisiana Territory from France took place in 1803. On its right is the Presbytere, or priest house, which, with the Cabildo, now house the Louisiana State Museum.

These buildings face Jackson Square, originally known as the Place D'Armes, and form the heart of the old city.



MILLENBERGER MANSION

The Millenberger Mansion, on the corner of Royal and Dumaine Streets, furnishes a fine example of the Vieux Carre is famous. The heavy cast iron grillwork is considered of particularly beautiful design.

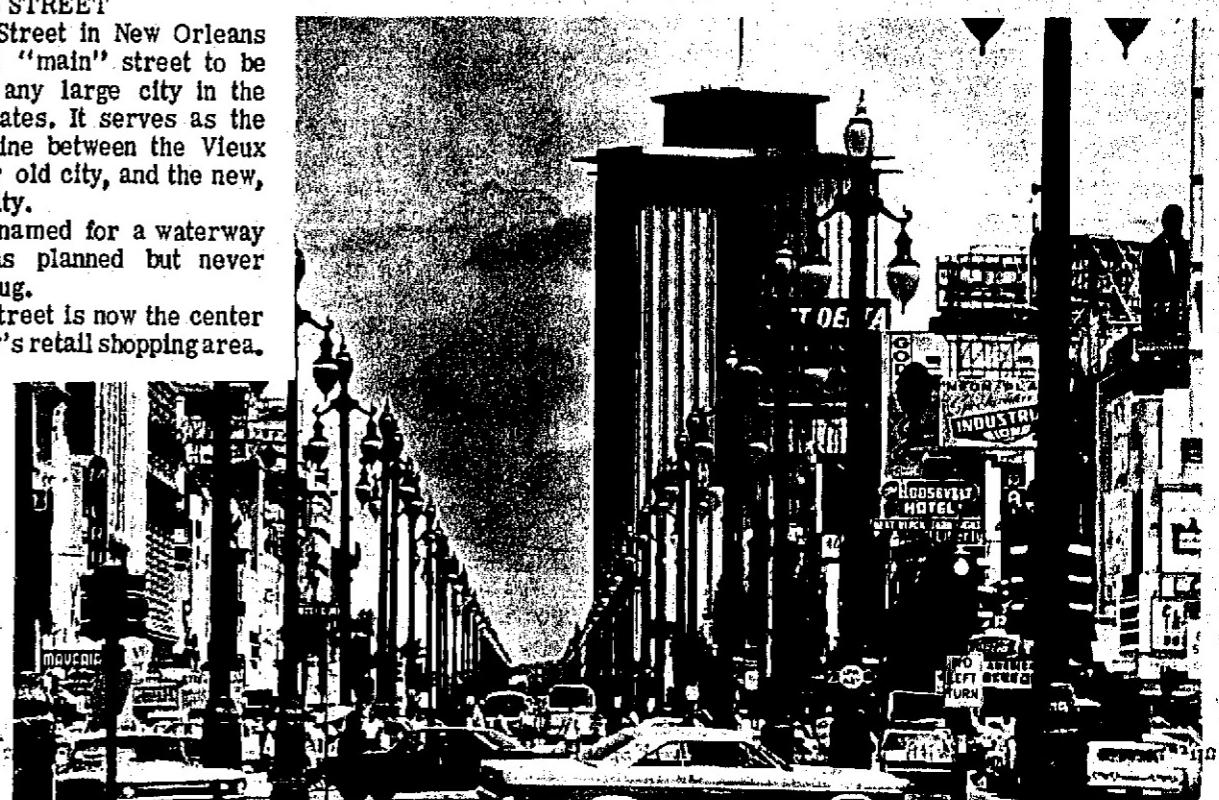
In the foreground is a sightseeing carriage which are still available for leisurely trip through the French Quarter.

CANAL STREET

Canal Street in New Orleans is widest "main" street to be found in any large city in the United States. It serves as the dividing line between the Vieux Carre, or old city, and the new, modern city.

It was named for a waterway which was planned but never actually dug.

Canal Street is now the center of the city's retail shopping area.



AMONG THE MANY TOURIST ATTRACTIONS in New Orleans is Saint Louis Cathedral. It is the oldest church in the Mississippi River Valley dating back to 1794. The church faces Jackson Square which is named for the hero of the battle of New Orleans, General Andrew Jackson.



BALCONY OF IRON LACEWORK

Fancy ironwork is a notable characteristic of most of the balconies in the old section of New Orleans.

While most of the ironwork was forged in New Orleans, some of it was imported from Spain.

These iron balcony railings of exquisite artistry reveal a civilization of proud Creoles who desired that the exterior of their homes recite a prologue of what could be seen inside.

In this picture is a view of Orleans Street looking toward the rear of the famous St. Louis Cathedral.



ANTE-BELLUM HOME

This old home, located in what is known as the Garden District of New Orleans, is typical of the spacious mansions constructed here during the prosperous sugar cane and steamboat era prior to the Civil War.

Impressive as are the exteriors of these mansions, the real elegance is in the interiors. Common in these old homes are 16 to 18 foot ceilings, Italian marble mantels, full-length mirrors enclosed in gilt frames and costly crystal chandeliers. The large rooms were furnished with period furniture, particularly the excellent rosewood and mahogany celent rosewood and mahogany pieces of such masters as Seignouret and Mallard.

The old home pictured here was constructed in 1856 and now houses Soule College, the South's oldest business college which, incidentally, had its birth during the same year.

—Exchange Those Things In Your Attic For Money In Your Pocket.—

WANT AD RATES

All Want Ads are payable in advance and ads will be accepted over the telephone and account accounts allowed with the understanding the account is payable when statement is rendered.

Number	One	Four	Six	One
of Words	Day	Days	Days	Mo.
Up to 15	1.10	2.35	2.90	8.40
16 to 20	1.30	2.80	3.50	10.05
21 to 25	1.50	3.25	4.00	11.55
26 to 30	1.70	3.70	4.50	13.05
31 to 35	1.90	4.15	5.00	14.55
36 to 40	2.10	4.60	5.50	16.05
41 to 45	2.30	5.05	6.00	17.55
46 to 50	2.50	5.50	6.50	19.05

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CLASSIFIED DISPLAY
1 Time — \$1.25 per inch per day
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20.00 per inch per month.

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Phone 777-3431

1 Job Printing

PRINTING of Quality. Letterpress or Offset. Call Yukon 3-2534 collect. ETTER PRINTING COMPANY, Washington, Ark.

12-5-tf

2. Notice

COMPLETE Quality Film Developing Service—Photo's and movie film BARRY'S QUICK SAK No. 1 and 2.

12-24-tf

HOLIDAY SPECIAL ON permanent at Earlene's Beauty Salon. For an appointment call 777-6631.

12-3-1mc

3. Lost

LOST OR STRAYED. Hereford Heifer, 400 pounds. Near Emmet. Call 777-6331.

12-17-6tc

15. Used Furniture

LUCK'S USED FURNITURE CO. See me before buying or selling H. E. Luck, 904 North Hazel, 777-4381.

12-7-tf

WALKER'S NEW & USED Furniture, 777-6233, 213 S. Main. Give highest prices for your furniture. Will sell trade-or buy.

12-7-tf

21. Used Cars

WANTED— Late model used cars and pickup trucks, Hope Volkswagen Inc. See James Gaines or J.B. Ingram Jr. Phone: 777-3726 or 777-6100.

12-25-tf

WANTED— USED CARS and trucks, Cash paid, Harry Phillips Used Cars, 1010 West 3rd, 777-2522.

12-1-tf

24. Used Trucks

1966 FORD twin I-beam half ton pickup. Clean, Standard transmission, Custom cab, 777-6743.

12-12-tf

46. Produce

LARGE EGGS— three dozen \$1.45. Sugar cured hams, bacon and smoked sausage, Russell's Curb Market, 902 West 3rd.

11-20-1mc

PAPER SHELL pecans... 50¢ pound, 20 pounds oranges or grape fruit \$1.75 bag, Russell's Curb Market, 902 West 3rd.

12-16-6tc

48. Slaughtering

CUSTOM Slaughtering Beef or pork cut and wrapped for your deep freeze. Contact BARRY'S GROCERY, 777-4404.

12-1-11

48. Slaughtering

RALPH MONTGOMERY Custom Slaughtering. Meat for your deep freeze. We buy cattle and hogs.

12-14-tf

63. Sewing Machines

CHRISTMAS SPECIALS. Singer Zig Zag. Wonderful buy. Like new. Previous owner unable to complete payments. Available to new account for small down payment and monthly payments of \$5.38. Also new Singer Console model only \$99.95. Singer Vacum — only \$38.88. For information contact the Fabric Center, Hope, Arkansas. Phone 777-5313.

12-13-tf

SEWING MACHINE SALES— Service, repair. Any make, model. Only authorized representative of Local Sewing Center. Phone: 777-3830, Hope, Arkansas.

12-6-1mp

68. Services Offered

ILLNESS AT HOME? Convalescent needs for home care can be bought or rented at your Village Rexall Pharmacy, examples: wheelchairs, crutches, walkers and a hospital bed.

12-4-1mc

COMPLETE WELL SERVICE. 36 in. concrete tile, and deep wells. For free estimate call 777-5285, Hope Drilling and Water Well Co.

12-9-tf

CALL WALKERS NEW AND USED furniture for commercial refrigeration service and air conditioning, 777-6233.

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PAINTING AND PAPER hanging by the hour or job. Free estimation. Phone: 777-2885, C.E. Whitten.

12-27-4tf

MICRO-WIRE WELDER For Aluminum Boats

* Excellent Pay *

Ouachita Marines
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Phone: CH6-4501

11-23-1mc

73. Jewelers

FINEST WATCH & Jewelry repair. All work guaranteed. Party napkins for all occasions, personalized, printed. Stewart's Jewelry Store, 208 South Main.

12-6-tf

84. Wanted

WANTED TO BUY . . . 4 Inch Rough green RW&L soft species hardwood lumber or tie siding. Paying top prices. Call O.V. Slaughter, Kroehler Mfg. Co., Telephone 868-5304, Shreveport, Louisiana for details.

12-16-6tp

90. For Sale

40 x 10 ft. HOUSE TRAILER. Extra Clean \$2,450. 1967 Ford Pickup, low mileage, good tires, like new, 1968 Jeep Pickup, new engine and clutch, perfect mechanical condition. Cool, the vehicle that goes anywhere — Road Runner Camper Sales, 700 West 3rd, 777-3731.

12-12-tf

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1966 BUICK SUPER well taken care of. Harry Morton, Route 5, Prescott, Arkansas.

12-13-4tp

1964 CHEVROLET PICKUP truck with camper. Call Clarence Johnson, at 287-4409, two miles South Saratoga.

12-13-6tc

90. For Sale

1963 FORD PICKUP custom cab, new tires, in good shape, inside and out. Call 777-4093.

12-13-4tc

HAVOLINE OIL .39 quart \$9.00 a case. Also 10w30, Delaneys Grocery 777-3701, 11-18-1mc

12-13-4tc

91. For Rent

DUPLEX APARTMENT — unfurnished. No bills paid. Nice neighborhood. Private entrance. Prefer couple. Call 777-6743.

12-12-tf

FURNISHED APARTMENT Adults only. All modern. \$50 month. No pets, 777-5195.

12-6-4t

91. For Rent

SOUTH

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♦ 753

♦ Q 8532

♦ 8432

WEST

EAST

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♦ Q 10864

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Neither vulnerable

West North East South

Pass Pass 2♦

Dble Pass Pass

Opening lead — ♦ K

South's opening of two diamonds was one of those weak two bids that have become standard equipment for American experts. Not that this particular one was standard. A weak two should be based on a six-card suit and South had only five diamonds.

West's double was for take-out and North jumped to five diamonds to jam the East-West bidding.

This bid put a lot of pressure on Billy Eisenberg who sat East. He had to decide between a five-heart bid and a double. He was not going to pass because his ace, king and queen represented a lot of strength after everyone else had bid.

He decided to double on the well-established theory that, if you are going to get the worst of a hand, at least get the worst with a plus. He was certain that he could beat five diamonds. He wasn't certain that he could make five hearts.

Actually, he would have had no trouble making five hearts and scoring 450 points. He did trifle better against five diamonds.

Clubs were opened and continued, with South ruffing the third lead. South led a low heart and Bobby Goldin played his jack just in case South held the queen and 10.

If Billy had simply let that jack hold, South would have saved a trick by working out a spade end play but Billy overtook the jack with his 12-7-tf

95. Apartments Unfurnished

FOR LEASE at Hillcrest and Imperial — 1 and 2 bedroom apartments. Utilities paid. Some furnished, \$100.00 up 777-3363 or 777-5744.

12-1-tf

LARGE DUPLEX with two bedrooms, washer connections, 215 North Louisiana Street, 777-4427 or 777-5748.

12-12-tf

102. Real Estate For Sale

SEVERAL SMALL HOUSES that can be used for homes or rental property. Call 777-6743.

12-7-tf

HOPE AUTO CO.

220 W. 2nd 777-2371 12-17-3tc

Christmas Cheer STARTS HERE

Send Your Family's Christmas Greetings To 3,349 Homes for only \$1.25

For only \$1.25 you can place your own greeting or one written by our ad taker. All of the greetings will appear on the same page which will have a Christmas Illustration & Season's Greetings, in beautiful script type, across the top.

Greetings will appear in alphabetical order according to the last name of the family.

Greetings must not exceed 15 words each.

HERE'S AN EXAMPLE:

"OUR BEST WISHES FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS"

Billie, Janie, Marg. & Joe Smith.

Call Ginger and Place your greeting soon. I'll be happy to help you choose a greeting for your family.

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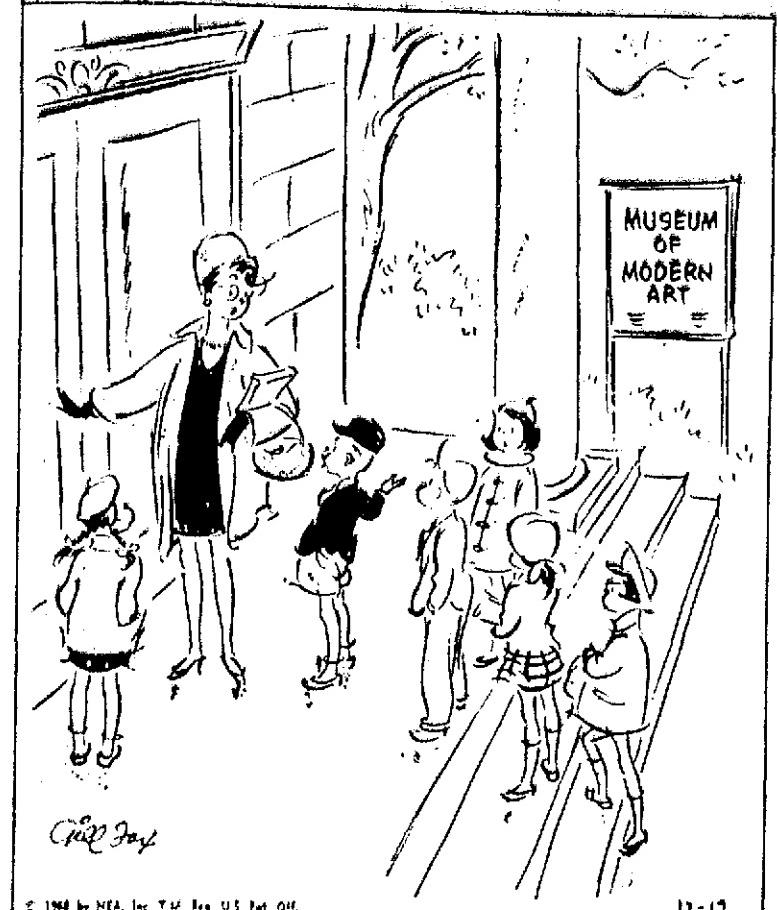
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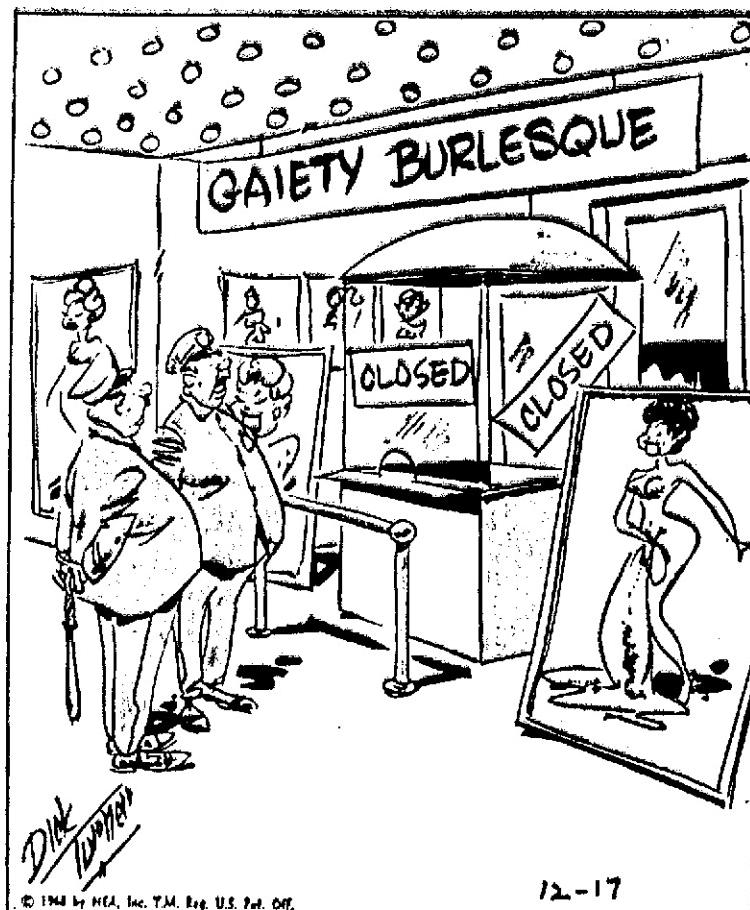
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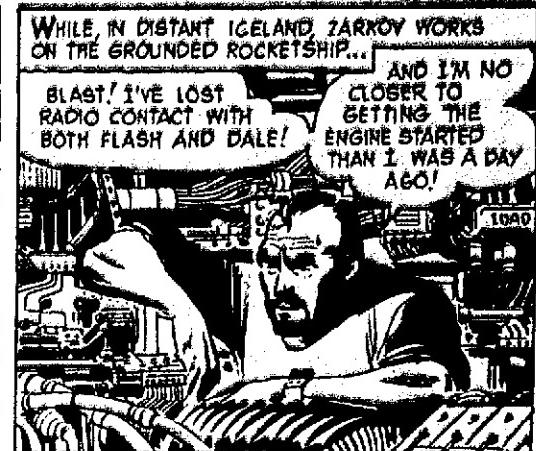
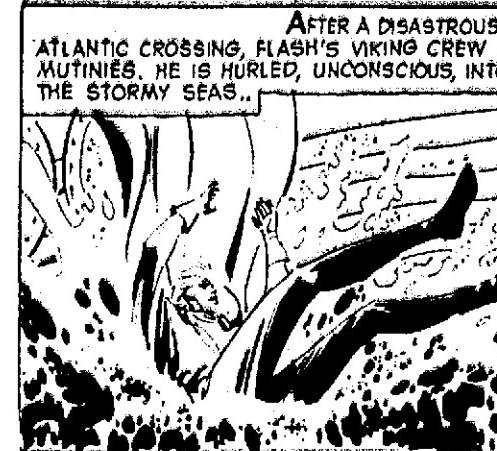
By DAN BARRY



"I'd rather just play outside and be culturally disadvantaged!"



"Remember how much fun it used to be enforcing the law in the good old days?"



By ART SANSON



By CHIC YOUNG

OUT OUR WAY

By NEG COCHRAN

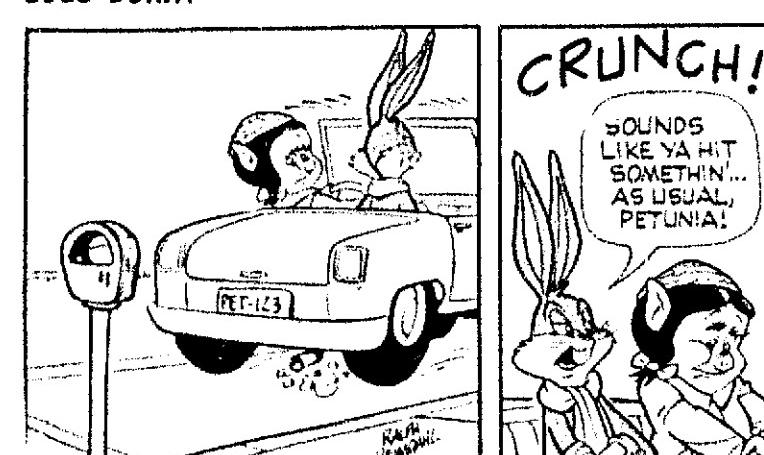


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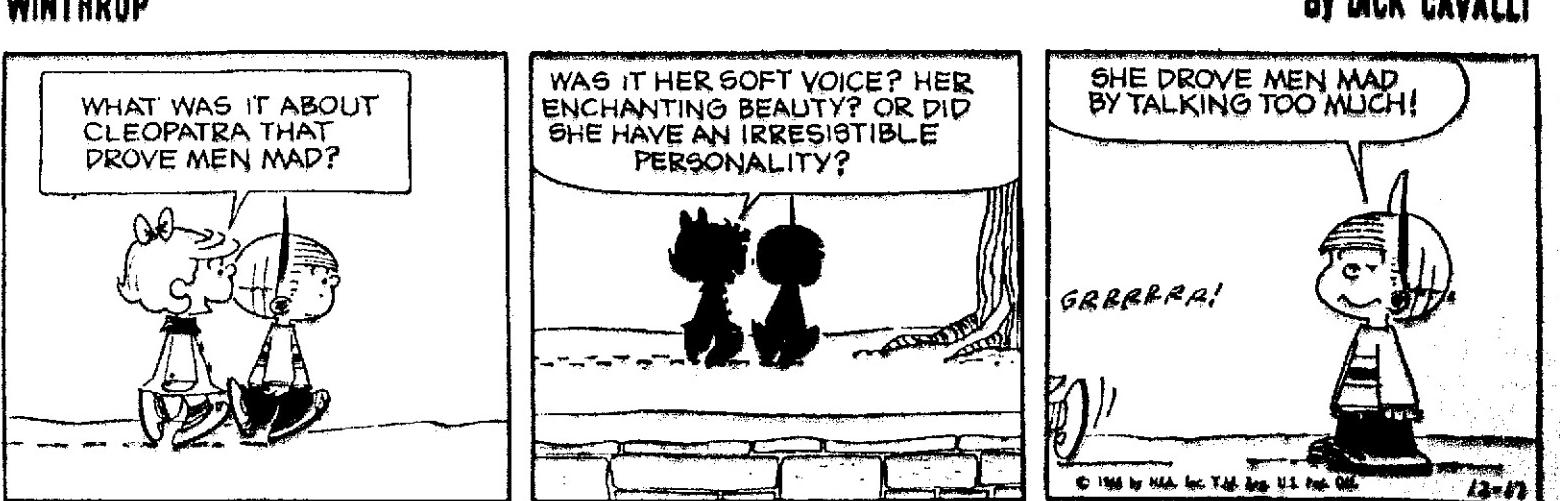
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WINTHROP



By DICK CAVALLI

Columbus Man Heads U.S. Naval Academy



NIXON TO (from page one)

convenes, and Jan. 20, when Nixon takes office.

During the campaign Nixon spoke of scuttling some Great Society programs, but hasn't said much on the subject since.

Although the Democratic leadership in Congress has pledged its cooperation to the new administration, there have been increasing and thinly veiled warnings that the opposition will not stand still for much tampering.

House Majority Leader Carl Albert of Oklahoma said in an interview over the weekend that he didn't think Nixon would try to dismantle the Great Society and that he didn't think the president-elect would be able to anyway.

Albert said such an attempt would cost Nixon the cooperation of the Democrats. "The penalty would be too great," he said.

Dirksen and Ford commented at a news conference.

Dirksen said "there isn't a major disagreement" between him and Nixon on timing of Senate debate on the treaty to limit the entry of new nations into the field of nuclear weapons production.

Nixon indicated during the campaign he thought then more time should be taken to consider the treaty's implications. But Dirksen said Nixon did not take a firm position Monday on what should be done.

It would be up to Johnson and Democratic Senate Leader Mike Mansfield of Montana to decide whether to try for Senate approval during the interval before the inauguration, Dirksen went on.

Letters To The Editor

This is your newspaper. Write to it. Address letters to: Editor The Star, P. O. Box 648, Hope, Ark. 71801.

All letters must be signed, with address, so you are identified to the newspaper staff, but if the character of the letter permits we will allow use of a pen-name in the publication, in which case you should add "Citizen," or some other word below your real name and address.

Pen-names are permitted when a letter deals only with issues. Direct attacks upon public officials, however, must bear the writer's name for publication.

Editor-The-Star: The cooperation of your newspaper in publicizing the activities of the Arkansas State Police in its traffic enforcement programs is most appreciated.

We owe a deep debt of gratitude to our friends in the news business, and I hope we will always be mindful of our obligation to you. Thank you so much for your help.

We in the Arkansas State Police send Greetings of the Season to our friends, and we are looking forward to a continuation of our pleasant relationship in 1969. Sincerely,

RALPH D. SCOTT, Colonel Director

Editor-The-Star: I'd like to express my appreciation to the many fine people of the city of Hope and Hempstead Co. who so generously gave of their personal belongings, during the drive we just made for the underprivileged at the State Hospital at Benton.

"I only wish that each of you who gave so generously, or worked on this project could have seen the expression on the faces of the many at the Hospital when they received it, brings a person back to realize its not the price of a gift, or its magnificence which counts, but the need of the recipient, and the spirit in which it is given, so again thanks, and may each and every one of you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

Hope Fire Dept.

JAMES COBB

NIXON

(from page one)

D-Mass., remained the principal betting favorite in whatever contest there might be for the U.N. ambassadorship. However, it was clear that, with the passage of days, the potential Shriver nomination was becoming less likely— perhaps because of objections from within the Kennedy family. The possibility arose that the position would go again to Wiggins or, by more remote chance, perhaps to Sen. Henry M. Jackson, D-Wash., classed as a far outsider who nevertheless has been in repeated contact with Nixon and has hedged when asked about continued service in the Senate.

There was considerable discussion of budget matters, but only in general terms, several informants agreed.

Sen. Milton R. Young of North Dakota said the feeling as of now is to continue current education, welfare and similar programs and at the same time see whether efficiency and economy could be improved.

He said the possibility was not eliminated that some programs might later be merged or dropped if this appeared advisable after study.

Rep. Melvin R. Laird of Wisconsin, who is leaving the House to become secretary of defense, said the budget Johnson will submit in January will be studied, especially in the defense area.

Ford said that while the atmosphere of the meeting favored ending the 10 per cent income tax surcharge as soon as possible, no decision could be made without further attention to the course of the economy, the budget savings that might be achieved and, of course, the prospects of an end to the war in Vietnam.

Olio

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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12 Continued

14 Net game

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The tragedy of Man: He starts off with a Country - and winds up with a Government!

Our Daily Bread

Sliced Thin by The Editor
Alex. H. Washburn

with
Other
Editors

Somebody Watch That

Timekeeper

We've caught 'em at it again; they're making the years a lot shorter, and we can prove it. Just yesterday - or so it seems - we were chasing aphids out of the aspirinista and moodily currying the finest crop of crabgrass in the neighborhood. And then suddenly Thanksgiving was upon us, and the mailman is bowed under bales of Christmas catalogs.

Understand that we cherish the holiday season, deck us all with boughs of holly if we don't. But is it necessary to hurry things along so? Couldn't we recuperate from another bout of turkey carving, before discovering that Christmas is almost upon us? Does the annual midwinter skirmish with bankruptcy have to be heralded so far in advance? Can't that dad-blamed timekeeper slow things down a little bit? -Knoxville (Tenn.) News - Sentinel

The Old Story

It has just been brought to our attention that 1968 marks the 200th anniversary of the syndicated newspaper column.

The prototype, whose descendants have proliferated greatly in two centuries, was called "Journal of Occurrences" and was edited by Boston patriots for distribution throughout the colonies and in England. Colonial papers that ran it included the Boston Evening Post, the New York Journal and the Pennsylvania Chronicle.

Even back in 1768, columnists were viewing with alarm, "The Journal of Occurrences" dealt mainly with daily sufferings of the good people of Boston at the hands of the red-coated British baddies. —Anniston (Ala.) Star

Funny Now. Not Later

The sages of old taught us that tragedy is the other side of comedy. We are reminded of the truth of this maxim frequently about this time of year.

For example, Chris Hobson recently noted in his newsletter that one of his correspondents saw a bumper sticker on a Cadillac which said, "Pay Your Taxes Early! I Need My Poverty Check."

That is comic now, but by the time the W2 forms are mailed out it will be less so. And by April 15, we can be certain, it will be purely tragic. —Dallas (Tex.) Morning News

Not A Myth, After All

There is always a certain comfort in reminders that scientists, those repositories of wisdom, do occasionally turn out to be wrong. With this in mind, we pass on the tidings that desert sandgrouse in South Africa do so soak their feathers at waterholes and transport the precious liquid to their nestlings.

Most ornithologists have for years been dismissing tales of such curious behavior as myths. Now a couple of them from Cornell have proved that it happens precisely as the "myths" say. We just thought readers might like to know. — Texarkana (Tex.) Gazette

Arkansas Skies to Clear Wed.

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Skies across Arkansas are expected to clear Wednesday.

The precipitation in the state is expected to end in the extreme west late tonight and in the east Wednesday.

Temperatures this morning were considerably warmer than the previous morning when readings dipped to the teens and low 20s. Lows this morning ranged from the 30s north to the low 40s south.

Democrats Name Leader
LITTLE ROCK (AP) — Luke A. Moorman Jr., of Little Rock Monday night was elected chairman of the Pulaski County Democratic Committee for the second time in less than a month.

Moorman was first elected Nov. 25, but the election was contested by some committee members on ground that proper notice of the election was not given.

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Saigon Will Yield No Further

By LEWIS GULICK
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PARIS (AP) — The Saigon government's negotiators in Paris say they will yield no further in the dispute over the shape of the table for the Vietnam peace talks.

The South Vietnamese delegation "has gone far enough" and "cannot diverge from the formula of a two-sided conference," delegation officials said.

Saigon's view on the procedural dispute holding up the peace parley was conveyed again to the Americans Monday night at a dinner session of the top allied negotiators: U.S. Ambassador W. Averell Harriman and his deputy, Cyrus R. Vance; South Vietnam's Vice President Nguyen Cao Ky and Ambassador Pham Dang Lam.

Earlier Monday Ky issued a sharp denial of U.S. Defense Secretary Clark M. Clifford's implication that Saigon was much to blame for the continuing delay in the start of the conference. He said ever since Clifford succeeded Robert S. McNamara, "Secretary Clifford has shown a gift for saying the wrong thing at the wrong time."

The new chief of the Viet Cong delegation, Tran Buu Kiem, censured both the United States and South Vietnam equally upon his arrival from Hanoi Monday. Preparations for the meeting are "being dragged out by the delaying tactics of the United States and the Saigon administration," he told 300 cheering welcomers at the airport. Kiem is considered the foreign minister of the Viet Cong's National Liberation Front.

The shape of the table at which the negotiators will sit is the focal issue in the quarrel over arrangements for the conference because the shape will symbolize the status of the NLF at the talks.

The Communists say the NLF is the authentic representative of the South Vietnamese people and rates a full position at a four-sided conference. Washington and Saigon do not recognize the NLF except as outlaws and hence claim the parley is two-sided—between the allies and their Communist opponents.

Hanoi negotiators started with a proposal for a square table. Their latest offer is an undivided round table. U.S. negotiators have gone from a long rectangular table to a divided doughnut shape, their most recent compromise proposal.

Man Found Dead at Stamps

STAMPS, Ark. (AP) — An unidentified man was found dead Monday at an abandoned mill here. Coroner David Morehead said death was believed due to exposure.

Santa Better Give Up Idea of Making His Round in a Sleigh

By JOY STILLEY

NEW YORK (AP) — Santa had better give up any idea of making his rounds by sleigh this year. He'll need a jumbo jet to tote all the king-size presents children and adults alike are putting on their lists.

After all, how can you stuff a sauna bath into even the largest pack? And that's exactly what one of the nation's most exclusive department stores is featuring as the gift for the family who has everything but.

For the kids' presents are coming in the large uneconomical size-like kitchen sets with sink, refrigerator and stove that are almost as big as mom's. For the household that has no skeleton in its closet there's one being offered in the form of the bone structures of a prehistoric monster. The set of plastic bones fit together into a 6-foot Tyrannosaurus.

This holiday season the presents don't really have to be big to be exciting, though. Possibly you can think of a friend who doesn't yet have a walking salt shaker. You just wind it up and off it scoots across the table.

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HIGH SIGN appears 850 feet above mid-Manhattan. New neon sign has letters 24 feet tall and 22 feet wide identifying 70-story RCA Building in Rockefeller Center. Sign reportedly is world's highest.

Arkansas Case Could Have Major Effect on Capital Punishment

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court Monday agreed to take a look at a test case from Arkansas that could have a major effect on capital punishment.

The case involves William L. Maxwell, 27, a Negro, who was convicted of raping a white woman at Hot Springs.

The case questions the constitutionality of allowing juries without some guidance from trial judges — to impose the death penalty at their own discretion.

The case also questions juries to determine guilt and punishment at the same time.

The high court has been receptive recently to sideswipes at capital punishment without taking on the direct issue of whether the death penalty itself is constitutional.

The case was appealed to the high court by the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund for Maxwell, who faces execution.

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White told police that one of the men jumped over the counter and that he grabbed the man's gun arm and they struggled. He said the man broke free and both men fled from the hospital.

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Apollo Moon Shot Set for Saturday

BY HOWARD BENEDICT
AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE KENNEDY, Fla. (AP)

— The Apollo 8 astronauts are using a spacecraft trainer to sharpen skills for their scheduled launching Saturday toward an orbit around the moon.

Air Force Col. Frank Borman, Navy Capt. James A. Lovell Jr. and Air Force Maj. William A. Anders plan several hours in the simulator today, mainly rehearsing what they'll do as they circle the moon for 20 hours on Christmas Eve and early Christmas Day.

Critical events during this period include the firing of the Apollo 8 engine to place the ship in a lunar orbit ranging from 69 to 196 miles above the surface, a second firing to circularize the path at the 69-mile altitude and a third ignition to shoot the astronauts out of orbit and start them on the 58-hour trip back to earth.

While circling the moon, they'll determine how accurately they can navigate by sighting on the stars and on prominent landmarks such as craters and mountains.

At the same time, ground stations will determine how precisely they can track Apollo 8. Large concentrations of material beneath the moon surface will cause subtle changes in the orbital path, and trackers want to know exactly where these shifts occur.

With present knowledge gained from tracking unmanned lunar orbiters, Anders said recently that moon landing astronauts could miss their target by as much as 48 miles.

"The more Apollo 8 can learn about the moon's gravitational field, the less will be our error when astronauts land," Anders said.

One of the landmarks that navigation expert Lovell will observe is a triangular shaped mountain in the Sea of Tranquillity which he has named "Mount Marilyn" after his wife.

"No one else has named the thing," he said, "so I've unofficially named it Mount Marilyn."

Police Chief Ed Smith said

Smith's keys, wallet and automobile had been taken. The car was recovered later at a roadside park near Sierra Blanca, Tex., and a man was taken into custody.

Smith's body was found in the bathroom of his five-room apartment by friends who were concerned because he failed to show up for an out-of-town trip, officers said.

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Nixon to Go Slow on New Programs, Will Improve the Old Ones

BY EDMOND LEBORETON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP)

— The Nixon administration apparently plans to put early emphasis on trying to improve Great Society programs and will go slow at first on offering new legislation to the Democratic-controlled congress.

This was the gist of reports on a two-hour closed meeting Monday that brought together Nixon, Vice-President-elect Spiro T. Agnew and 13 Republican leaders of the House and Senate.

The comments of Senate leader Everett M. Dirksen, House leader Gerald R. Ford and others afterward indicated major new legislation will be put off until studies are made of current programs, President Johnson's final recommendations and reports of Nixon's own numerous task forces.

The appearance was to be left open, however, for early Senate consideration of the nuclear nonproliferation treaty if Johnson wishes the issue brought up between Jan. 3, when Congress

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Nixon to Select UN Ambassador

BY FRANK CORMIER
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — President-elect Nixon, meeting today with Secretary-General U Thant of the United Nations, definitely will announce his choice as U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations.

In advance of Nixon's Thant meeting, Ronald L. Ziegler, press spokesman for the president-elect, said Nixon's choice for the U.N. job would be announced this week—leaving open the possibility he might let the secretary-general be the first to know.

Nixon asked to see Thant in a move described by Ziegler as one designed to demonstrate "Mr. Nixon's support of the United Nations."

Perhaps more significantly, he added that the session alongside the East River would open communications between the incoming chief executive and the head of the world organization.

Going to the UN with Nixon were his secretary of state-designate William P. Rogers; his national security advisor, Henry A. Kissinger; Robert D. Murphy, his go-between with the Johnson administration, and J. Russell Wiggins, President Johnson's recently-installed replacement as ambassador to the United Nations.

The council, however, decided to exclude the medicaid program from its deliberations on the department's budget.

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Marines in Big Sweep

BY GEORGE ESPER

Associated Press Writer

SAIGON (AP) — Five thousand U.S. Marines backed by more than 200 air strikes are sweeping the mountains 30 miles southwest of Da Nang in a major operation